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In the Claims:

Claims 1-4 are amended herein

1. (currently amended) A bracket for a clotheshorse, the bracket ~~(10)~~ comprising:
  - a plate ~~(13)~~ with a top edge and multiple side edges;
  - multiple first collars ~~(131)~~ defined being in a line through line, protruding from the side of the plate ~~(13)~~ near the top edge and having a free end;
  - multiple slots ~~(132)~~ defined in the top edge of the plate ~~(13)~~ and extending respectively to the free ends of the first collars to respectively communicate ~~to~~ with the multiple first collars ~~(131)~~; and
  - a vertical socket (11) attached ~~on~~ to the plate ~~(13)~~ under the first collars ~~(131)~~.

2. (currently amended) The bracket as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plate is fan shaped with an arced upper edge at the top edge, two side edges, and a joint of the two side edges; and
  - wherein a second collar ~~(12)~~ is defined in the plate ~~(13)~~ near a joint.

3. (currently amended) The bracket as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plate ~~(13)~~ has an inner opening with edges; and

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multiple flanges extendedly formed on the edges of the inner opening, top edge and the multiple side edges of the plate ~~(13)~~, wherein the multiple slots are defined through the flange at the top edge of the plate ~~(13)~~.

4. (currently amended) The bracket as claimed in claim 2, wherein the plate ~~(13)~~ has an inner opening with edges; and

multiple flanges extendedly formed on the edges of the inner opening, top edge and the two side edges of the plate ~~(13)~~, wherein the multiple slots are defined through the flange at the top edge of the plate ~~(13)~~.